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FOR: ALKYL ESTERS OF 3-(3,4-DIHALOPHENYL)-2,6-DIOXOPIPERIDINE-3-PROPIONIC ACID OF USE AS INTERMEDIATES

CERTIFICATE UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.8(a)

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Respectfully submitted,

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